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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:) Examiner: J. Brusca, Ph.D.
HAAF, et al.) Group Art Unit: 1636
Serial No.: 09/181,027)
Filed: 27 October 1998)
For: METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS)
UTILIZING RAD51)

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This paper is being filed in response to the Office Action dated September 21, 1999. A petition for a three month extension of time and the required fee are enclosed, making this a timely response.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

40. (Amended) A composition comprising:
a) nucleic acid encoding a Rad51 protein; [and]